



**TO:** Republican Study Committee members  
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**RE:** Biden Year 1: A Presidency in Crisis

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## Biden's Failures vs RSC Solutions

**TOPLINE:** As we approach the one-year anniversary of Biden's inauguration, we will of course reflect on the policy failures of this administration. And there are a lot of them. Biden's policies directly caused the border crisis, the inflation crisis, the education crisis, the supply chain crisis, the crime crisis, the Big Tech crisis, the China crisis, the Middle East crisis and the crisis in the faith of our elections.

These self-made crises have Democrats paying at the polls. Biden recently dropped to a remarkably low 33% approval rating, lower than any president at the end of his first year in office in U.S. history.

But it's not enough to be against Democrat policies. We need to show the American people what we're for and how our policies will solve these crises.

Americans need to know that Republicans have a plan. And we do. The RSC has been working on a roadmap agenda for over a year now.

So, on the one-year anniversary of Biden's inauguration, let's use this opportunity to show it to them.

CRISIS	BIDEN	VS.	REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE
<b>BORDER CRISIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On day one in office, Biden advertised the border is wide open by sending a <a href="#">sweeping immigration bill</a> to Congress and halting border wall construction.</li><li>• Biden resumed catch-and-release, turning the Border Patrol into a conveyor belt for the resettlement of illegal migrants across the United States.</li><li>• Biden suspended cooperation between ICE and local communities, thus allowing criminals to live here illegally.</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The RSC endorsed an <a href="#">immigration framework</a> organized by the following principle: That U.S. immigration policy should be designed to primarily serve the interest of American citizens, families and workers.</li><li>• Specifically, RSC's framework considers: National security, the rule of law, cultural assimilation and American workers' wages.</li></ul>

## INFLATION CRISIS

- The very 1st significant piece of legislation Democrats passed was a \$1.9T spending package that Democrat economist Larry Summers [warned](#) would cause higher inflation. It did.
- Biden's "green energy" policies have caused the cost of fuel to rise, a burden passed onto consumers at the pump and higher prices for goods/services.

- The RSC introduced a [House rule](#) that would force committees to measure the inflationary impact of spending legislation in addition to the CBO score so the public knows the real cost of legislation before it's passed.
- The RSC also introduced our signature [annual budget](#) that balances our budget in 5 years and cuts \$14 trillion in wasteful spending over a decade.

## EDUCATION CRISIS

- By putting the interest of teachers unions over our children, the Biden administration has encouraged school closures and other misguided COVID policies that distract our children from learning.
- The Biden admin also [promoted](#) anti-American Critical Race Theory in our schools.
- As a result, a [study](#) found "more students are two or more grade levels below their actual grade level."

- After Glenn Youngkin's victory in Virginia, the RSC unveiled a [policy framework](#) to defend the rights of parents, including measures to empower school choice, protect girls' sports, promote fair and accurate historical curriculum and ban federal funding of CRT.
- Together with Leader McCarthy, Ed and Labor Committee Ranking Member Rep. Foxx, and Rep. Julia Letlow, the RSC unveiled a [Parents' Bill of Rights](#) that ensures parents' primary role in their children's education.

## CRIME CRISIS

- After embracing BLM/Antifa rioting and anti-police rhetoric in the summer of 2020, Democrats made clear they're the party of crime. The Biden administration has done nothing to reverse their anti-law enforcement stance and the stigmatizing of police officers.

- Conservatives support the Qualified Immunity Act to shield good cops from unjust penalties when things go wrong on the job and the Support Peaceful Protest Act that would increase penalties on rioters.

## SUPPLY CHAIN CRISIS

- Biden's unconstitutional vaccine mandates have spurred businesses to comply and shut countless workers out of the workforce, leading to a labor shortage that disrupts our supply chains.

- Various RSC members have drafted proposals to block Biden's vaccine mandates, including a [bill](#) introduced by Rep. Tenney and Chairman Banks that would clarify that OSHA does not have the authority to enforce Biden's mandate.

## BIG TECH CRISIS

- The Biden administration [said](#) they're coordinating with Big Tech companies to censor "disinformation," showing they are two sides of the same coin.
- The denial rate for H-1B employment petitions dropped to 4%, allowing Big Tech to give lucrative and valuable career opportunities to cheap foreign guest workers instead of Americans.

- The RSC already introduced the [Stop Shielding Culpable Platforms Act](#) to reform Section 230 and yank special legal protections from companies.
- The RSC introduced the [No Social Media Accounts for Terrorists or State Sponsors of Terrorism Act](#) that would stop social media companies from allowing sanctioned terrorists on their platforms.
- Conservatives support the [American Tech Workforce Act](#) that would stop Big Tech's exploitation of the U.S. immigration system to disadvantage American workers.

## CHINA CRISIS

- The Biden administration has made no effort to hold China accountable for its intellectual property theft, forced technology transfer, cyber hacking, predatory state-owned business practices, currency manipulation or distribution of deadly fentanyl.
- An emboldened China now says U.S. will pay an 'unbearable price' for backing Taiwan.

- The RSC introduced the [Countering Communist China Act](#), the most serious and comprehensive effort to combat the China threat ever introduced in Congress. It would crack down on the CCP's efforts to subvert U.S. institutions, stop the CCP from stealing from us, and hold the CCP accountable for unleashing the COVID-19 virus on the world.

## MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

- The Biden administration is desperately and weakly trying to re-enter the failed Iran Deal, which is emboldening Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons and support for terrorism.
- Iran has become so emboldened, they've begun issuing death threats to former U.S. officials [on Twitter](#).

- The RSC introduced the [Maximum Pressure Act](#), a bill that continues the Trump administration's successful Middle East policies designed to support our ally Israel and prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon and destabilizing the region via the sponsoring of terrorists.

## AFGHANISTAN CRISIS

- Biden chose to withdrawal from Afghanistan in the worst way possible, evacuating our troops before evacuating all our citizens.
- Many Americans are still trapped in the Taliban-controlled country. The State Department estimated late last year that ~300 U.S. citizens remain.
- The Biden admin has sent the Taliban \$782 in foreign aid.

- The RSC has introduced a [legislative amendment](#) to designate the Taliban as a foreign terrorist organization, which would prohibit Biden from sending them any more funding.
- The RSC helped introduce another [legislative amendment](#) prohibiting arms sales from Russia and China to the Taliban.

## CRISIS OF FAITH IN OUR ELECTIONS

- Over the past year, the amount of voters who [say](#) they're "very confident" in the security of our elections dropped from 37% to 20%.
- Democrats have responded to this crisis by aggressively pushing their radical election takeover bill that helps make permanent the decreased election safeguards that caused so many problems in 2020.
- The RSC introduced the [Save Our Democracy Act](#) which would enact common sense guardrails on federal elections like requiring voters provide an ID to vote, banning ballot harvesting and ensuring fair poll watching occurs.

**CONCLUSION:** I have no doubt Year 2 will be even worse than Year 1. The Biden administration isn't slowing down. They continue to turn the screws on American families, and I've seen no signal they're about to let up.

The contrast can't be more stark between what they offer and what we offer. The American people deserve to know we have the plan that can help them. It's a time for us to be bold in offering our solutions.